

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. MANUFACTURING: Jackson County should continue to attract industry. The county should make an effort to attract industries which will be an economic asset but does not create an adverse environmental impact on the county. The county should try to attract non-polluting industrial establishments. With the facilities to train skilled labor, the county should attract industries requiring skilled labor, thus increasing income of the residents.
2. EDUCATION: The county should develop programs designed to encourage all citizens, especially the young, to utilize educational opportunities which are available to them in order to qualify for employment. Rather than needing an upgrading in educational opportunities, the citizens of Jackson County need to take advantage of existing educational opportunities.
3. TOURISM: The county needs to take advantage of its natural beauty through tourism that occurs within its boundaries. An existing agency or new office should be assigned the task of promoting the county to the tourist trade. Jackson County has many attractions such as Nantahala National Forest, Cherokee Indian Reservation, and beautiful streams and rivers for fishing. These attractions need to be advertised and promoted.
4. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY: The county should continue to provide assistance to the Agriculture Extension Program and other agencies to land owners advising them of the best use of the land and soils for forestry and agricultural purposes. The major goal in agriculture should be the development of efficient, profitable farms yielding a good income for those who choose to stay in full-time farming.
5. SCENIC BEAUTY: Regulations are needed to protect the county's scenic beauty which is one of its greatest assets. A beautification program should be started to clean up along highways and river and stream banks.